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For: USE OF NATURAL VEGETABLE COMPONENTS AS FLAVOURING AGENTS IN
THE COATING OF CHEWING GUM

3rd SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed is also enclosed.

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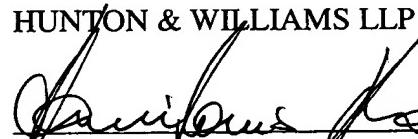
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